



Winter 2009

THE LEGGE FAMILY AT  
DOE RIVER GORGE

# The Legge Logbook Five Year Anniversary Edition

## Celebrating 5 years of ministry at Doe River Gorge

As you can see... a LOT has changed in the last 5 years while we've been here in East Tennessee serving full time with *Doe River Gorge*.



*Our family picture from 2004 with our only child, Micah.*

After 3 years of part time volunteering that started in 2001, we joined the staff of *Doe River Gorge* on a full time basis in April, 2004.

We were excited to start out on this new adventure of ministry. At the time, we were inexperienced in high-adventure ministry but willing and eager to see how God would use us. We **and** *Doe River Gorge* have all grown in many ways.

Check out some of the changes, additions and improvements we've seen during our first five years here at *Doe River Gorge*.



*December, 2009. Micah—6, Joseph—3, Hannah—2, Jesse—7 weeks*

## ~Building & Renovations since 2000~

One of the most obvious differences at Doe River Gorge is the increased number of building expansion and renovation. In addition to our **five Railcars** and **five Gazepees**, we now have:

- **Lodge/Depot** renovated three times and renamed.



- the **bridge** across the Doe River



- 2 small **cabins** and 1 large **cabin** built across the river

- newly built **Mountain Meadow Lodge**, housing 80



- **Cedar Mountain Lodge**, our newest housing unit; holds 100

- Office **enlarged** from one double-wide trailer to three.



- Nurse's housing and **clinic**



- Not just one, but **two Big Tops!**



- Gazepees **renovated** and improved

- Single zipline increased to **triple!**



...just to name a few!

## ~Programs & Activities~

Back in 2004, we used to offer just two program tracks to questers, the **Classic** and the **Explorer** track.

Then, we added the **Expedition** program, a backpacking program which takes place off site.

Now we have a choice of **Three Tracks**, each with a variety of activities to choose from. Some of the new activities that have been added since we came include:



- **Horseback Riding**



- **Technical Tree Climbing**

- **Kayaking**



- **Paintball**

- **Via Ferrata**



- **Via Dolorosa**



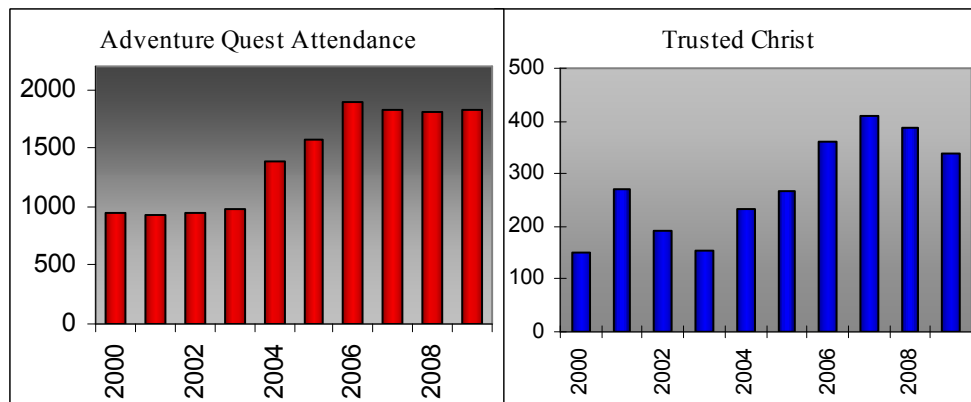
From the beginning, DRG offered the **SALT** program (Servant And Leadership Training) for rising high school sophomores. Now, we also have the four week **LEAD** program (Leadership Education And Development) for rising juniors.

Also, we now have **two Father/Son Retreats** and **one Mother/Daughter Retreat** each year.

## ~Adventure Quest Attendance, Decisions Made since 2000~

For the last ten years over 14,000 young people have participated in *Adventure Quest*. Some of those are young people who have returned for more than one year...but still, that's a lot of kids!

Of those, over 2700 trusted Christ as Savior during their week at *Doe River Gorge*! With that kind of number it's really hard for us to see them as God does - as individuals loved by Him. Pray that we will continue to see their faces and remember that their salvation and discipleship is the reason we do what we do.



## ~Our Kids~



My favorite things  
are lizards AND  
tadpoles AND  
Jesse! ♥♥♥

**Micah** just turned 6, and is older than her years in many ways. Maybe it's because she's the oldest and very involved in helping with her siblings. She's a perfectionist with a loving spirit, always ready to make a card for someone when they're sick, or offer me (Mom) a hug when I'm feeling overwhelmed. She works hard in her schoolwork and is enjoying being able to read.



when he has done something wrong. He loves his scooter, his Bakugan, Candyland, and *Star Wars*. If Micah keeps a toy away from him, he's mighty quick with "Micah, Jesus wants us to share." He must be paying attention in Sunday School.

**Joseph** is 3. He's our high octane child. He's the one wearing out our carpet from sprinting through the house at warp speed. He's also the jokester of the family (which drives Micah up the wall). But he's also very tenderhearted, kind, and quick to ask for forgiveness



every time. As a homeschooling mom, I like that!

**Hannah**, 2, is our spunky, free spirited one. Bright eyes, full of energy, we can't help but crack up at her off-the-wall comments. She's in the running with Joseph for the family comedian. She's not afraid to stick up for herself with her siblings. She's learning her ABC's and will pick a book over her toys almost



personality forming and we're so happy to have him. Now if he'd only sleep through the night!

**Jesse** is 2 months old already. He's a calm natured baby who eats a lot, sleeps a lot, and just recently started smiling a lot. He's gaining weight, getting chubby, and progressing.

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*~But Some Things Have Stayed the Same~*

We've highlighted the many changes, renovations, increases and improvements that Doe River Gorge has experienced in the last ten years — but **one thing** has remained the **same**: our mission to **reach young people for the Lord** by providing them with **fun, adventure, acceptance, and love!!**



Our need of people to partner with us has not changed either! We're blessed to have a wonderful team of people who reach out to youth along with us, through their prayers and their financial support. Please pray about joining our team in this awesome ministry.

*~ Thanks to all of you!      The Legges*

*Merry Christmas!  
David, Samantha, Micah, Joseph, Hannah, &  
Jesse*